

He was also the first director of NASA Space Flight Operations and worked on the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, and Centaur projects. The Centaur project involved the launching vehicles that propelled spacecraft to Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

Serving his country in World War II by producing new technology and helping his country achieve its goals in Space was not enough for Abe Silverstein. After retiring from NASA, Abe went on to work for Republic Steel Corporation, where he developed pollution controls to help keep our air cleaner for future generations.

Abe Silverstein always was contributing to his country, whether it be through wind-tunnel research or in serving as a Trustee at Cleveland State University. He was a man of great personal virtue and strength of character. I am proud, Mr. President, to honor this man today, who his NASA colleagues once described as "a man of vision and conviction, [a man who] contributed to the ultimate success of America's unmanned and human space programs . . . his innovative, pioneering spirit lives on in the work we do today."

I thank Mr. Silverstein for all his hard work and sacrifice, and I hope that my colleagues will join me in my gratitude.●

TRIBUTE TO LES AND MARILYN GORDON

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Les and Marilyn Gordon, owners of The Candlelite Inn in Bradford, NH, on being named as Inn of the Year by the Complete Guide to Bed & Breakfast Inns and Guesthouses in the United States, Canada and Worldwide.

Built in 1897, The Candlelite Inn has provided a relaxing atmosphere for visiting guests for over 100 years. The Gordons purchased the Inn in 1993, and have successfully continued the tradition of accommodating the needs of discriminating travelers touring the Lake Sunapee Region.

Throughout the year The Candlelite Inn hosts special weeks for their guests to enjoy including: Currier & Ives Maple Sugar Weekend in March, Old Glory Heritage Tours in July, August and September, Foliage Midweek Getaways in September and October, and Murder Mystery Parties throughout the year.

I commend Les and Marilyn for the economic contributions they have made to the hospitality and tourism industries in our state. The citizens of Bradford, and New Hampshire, have benefitted from their dedication to quality and service at The Candlelite Inn. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the United States Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2605. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenazate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6788-5) received on June 21, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2606. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Commissioner, Reclamation, Bureau of Reclamation, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2607. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director of the National Park Service, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2608. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Inspector General, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2609. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2610. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2611. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Secretary of the Army, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2612. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of acting officer for the position of Secretary of the Army, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2613. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Secretary of the Army, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2614. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of acting officer for the position of Secretary of the Army, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2615. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Management and Comptroller, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2616. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2617. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2618. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2619. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2620. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2621. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Policy, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2622. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.